

Summer CALENDAR 2023



RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required and are taken two weeks prior to the program.

- To register, please visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search by program title or #NatureEdventure.

Please note: program reservations for Caleb Smith and Caumsett State Parks are taken over the phone.

- Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
(631) 265-1054
- Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve
(631) 423-1770

Space is limited. If you are unable to keep your reservation, please cancel so others may have the opportunity to attend.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Children's Programs (6 & up) - \$4 per child
- Tiny Tots (age 3-5) - \$4 per child
- Family Programs (6 & up) - \$4 per person
- Adult Programs (18 & up) - \$4 per person
- Senior Programs (55 & up) - \$4 per person

Parking Fees may apply. Visit [parks.ny.gov](https://www.parks.ny.gov) and search by park for more info.

CONTACT US!

📞 (631) 581 - 1072

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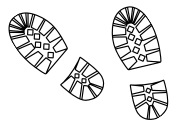
Historic Club House & Nicholl Grist Mill Tours

Connetquot River State Park Preserve



**Tours will resume in
the fall season,
starting in
September.**

NEW! Hiking Series: Trails Less Traveled



Join us for a new hiking series, inspired by last years Passport to Parks! We will walk on trails less traveled and observe seasonal changes. Discover the unique beauty that each State Park holds!

Sunken Meadow State Park

Sunday, August 13th
10:00am

Belmont Lake State Park

Sunday, September 24th
10:00am

Summer Events



Volunteer With New York State Parks.

Tuesday July 4th

Come Volunteer on the 4th of July
to help protect the endangered
Piping Plover.

To Sign up Please E-mail us at :

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FRIENDS OF CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE

Please visit the website friendsofconnetquot.org
to sign up and for more information.

Programs are free for members.
Non-members pay \$5/person.

Come explore the Nissequogue River
by kayak with us!

August 26th at 2:00PM
(Rain Date: August 27th)



This program requires you to bring your own kayak and equipment!
Learn some new paddling techniques & learn about the natural world of
the Nissequogue River.

Please visit eventbrite.com to register and search
#Natureedventure

Experience the Perseids Meteor
Shower with a short lecture followed by
a chance at early evening stargazing.

Maybe you can spot Shooting Stars!

August 12th, 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Bring your own lawn chair.

Viewing is Weather Permitting
Connetquot River State Park Preserve



Senior Programs Starting this Summer!



Learn about
Butterflies and
Native Gardens in
State Parks!

August 18th, 10AM
Connetquot River
State Park Preserve



A WIDE VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES

- Maintain Trails
- Fish Hatchery Work
- Endangered Species Protection
- Invasive Species Removal
- Clean Up's
- Events
- Gardening
- General Stewardship Work
- and much more.....

Volunteer With New York State Parks

MAKE A
DIFFERENCE



New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation

Contact: George Kiesel at
George.Kiesel@parks.ny.gov
Or call: 631-581-1072

Program Key:

- CS- Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
- CH- Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve
- CR- Connetquot River State Park Preserve
- HK- Heckscher State Park
- SM- Sunken Meadow State Park
- RM- Robert Moses State Park

JULY



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08 CS - Adult What's Doing The Blooming? 10:30 AM CH - Adult Early Summer Stroll 9:45 AM
09 SM - Children Mid-Tide Splash 1:30 PM	10	11	12	13 SM - Tiny Tots Happy Birthday Bubbles 10:30 AM	14 CR - Family Bat Safari 7:30 PM	15
16	17	18	19	20 RM - Family Shore Bird Walk 9:00 AM	21 CR - Family Firefly Night 8:30 PM	22 CS - Family Firefly Fun 7:30 PM CH - Adult Just a Hike 9:45 AM
23 SM - Family Fiddler Crab Frenzy 10:30 AM	24	25	26	27 SM - Tiny Tots Frogs & Friends! 10:30 AM	28 HK - Family Bat Safari 7:30 PM	29 CR - Adult Impressionist Painting 10:00 AM
30 CR - Family Reptiles and Amphibians! 1:00 PM	31	01	02	03	04	05



JULY 2023

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

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CALEB SMITH

STATE PARK PRESERVE

Please call for Reservations: (631) 265-1054

What's Doing the Blooming

Saturday, July 8th 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Adult Program

Join us in search of summer-blooming wildflowers.

Firefly Fun

Saturday, July 22nd 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Family Program

Light up the night by taking a firefly expedition with us.

CAUMSETT STATE

HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

Please call for Reservations: (631) 423- 1770

Early Summer Seasonal Stroll

Saturday, July 8th 9:45AM - 11:45AM

Adult Program

On this short stroll, we will focus on summer's wildflowers.

Just a Hike

Saturday, July 22nd 9:45AM - 12:45PM

Adult Program

A 6 mile, hilly, moderately paced walk to observe the park's beauty.

CONNETQUOT RIVER

STATE PARK PRESERVE

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Bat Safari

Friday, July 14th 7:30PM - 9:30PM

Family Program

Enter the mysterious world of these fascinating and misunderstood creatures!

Firefly Fun

Friday, July 21st 8:30PM - 10:00PM

Family Program

Investigate the fascinating world of fireflies with a short hike and fun activities.

Impressionist Painting

Saturday, July 29th 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Adult Program

We will learn about some of the most famous artists of the time as well as create our own impressionist-style painting.

Reptiles & Amphibians!

Sunday, July 30th 1:00PM - 2:30PM

Family Program

Join us as we hike around the hatchery grounds exploring reptile and amphibian habitat!

HECKSCHER STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Bat Safari

Friday, July 28th 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Family Program

Enter the mysterious world of these fascinating and misunderstood creatures!

ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Shore Bird Walk

Thursday, July 20th 9:00AM - 11:00AM

Family Program

Let's take a stroll along the beach in search of shorebirds that call our popular beaches home during the summer season.

SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Mid-tide Splash

Sunday, July 9th 1:30PM - 3:00PM

Children's Program

Let's go down to the marsh to seine, collect, and identify animals in this brackish water environment.

Happy Birthday Bubbles

Thursday, July 13th 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Tiny Tots Program

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors and crafts. For children ages 3-5

Fiddler Crab Frenzy

Sunday, July 23rd 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Family Program

Who makes all those little holes in the sand? Join us for a walk around the marsh as we learn about these little creatures.

Frogs & Friends

Thursday, July 27th 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Tiny Tots Program

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors and crafts. For children ages 3-5.

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AUGUST 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	01	02	03	04 CR - Family Bat Safari 7:00 PM	05 CR - Family Pastels on the Porch 10:00 AM
06 CH - Adult Literary Walk (East Section) 9:45 AM	07	08	09	10	11 SM - Adult Sunset Stroll 7:00 PM	12 CS - Childrens (under 15) Intro to Fishing 10:30 AM CR - Family Meteor Showers 8:00 PM
13 SM - Family Trails Less Traveled 10:00 AM	14	15	16	17 SM - Tiny Tots Build A Bug 10:30 AM	18 CR - Seniors Butterflies & Gardens 10:00 AM	19
20 CH - Adult Salt March Special 9:45 AM	21	22	23	24 RM - Family Shore Stroll 9:00 AM	25 CR - Family Sunset Hike 7:00 PM	26 CS - Family Bat Safari 7:30 PM NiSS - Adult Kayak Nature Tour 2:00 PM
27 SM - Family Horseshoe Crab Roundup! 1:30 PM	28	29	30	31 SM - Tiny Tots Moon Myths & Facts 10:30 AM	01	02



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STATE PARK PRESERVE

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Intro To Fishing

Saturday, August 12th 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Children's Program (For ages 7-15 yrs old)

Join us for some fishing fun on Willow Pond.

Bat Safari

Saturday, August 26th 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Family Program

Enter the mysterious world of these fascinating and misunderstood creatures!

CAUMSETT STATE

HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

Please call for Reservations: (631) 423- 1770

Literary Walk (Eastern Section)

Sunday, August 6th 9:45AM - 11:45AM

Adult Program

A quiet, 2 mile hike with readings selected to enhance your appreciation of nature.

Salt Marsh Special

Sunday, August 20th 9:45AM - 1:00PM

Adult Program

A walk through fields and forest, on our way to and from a leisurely study of salt marsh life.

CONNETQUOT RIVER

STATE PARK PRESERVE

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Bat Safari

Friday, August 4th 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Family Program

Enter the mysterious world of these fascinating and misunderstood creatures!

Pastels On The Porch

Saturday, August 5th 10:00AM - 11:30AM

Family Program

Bring the colors of summer to life with an oil pastel artwork you will create inspired by the different habitats of Connetquot.

Meteor Showers

Saturday, August 12th 8:00PM - 9:30PM

Family Program

Join us after hours and look up at the sky, you may see something out of this world! Bring your own lawn chair for viewing after a brief lecture.

Butterflies and Gardens

Friday, August 18th 10:00AM - 11:30AM

Seniors Program

Join us for a short presentation about these beautiful creatures. Then take a walk to view butterflies in the wild.

CONNETQUOT RIVER

STATE PARK PRESERVE

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Sunset Hike

Friday, August 25th 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Family Program

We'll take a hike around sunset through the preserve to see what wildlife are out and about.

NISSEQUOGUE RIVER STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Kayak Nature Tour

Saturday, August 26th 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Adult Program

Kayak the Nissequogue River on a scenic Nature Tour to see birds, turtles and more! Must bring your own kayak and lifejacket.

ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Shore Stroll

Thursday, August 24th 9:00AM - 11:00AM

Family Program

Take a relaxing shore stroll along the Atlantic Ocean as we search for what marine creatures might have left behind.

SUNKEN MEADOW STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Sunset Stroll

Friday, August 11th 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Adult Program

Enjoy an early evening stroll along the beach, forest, and marsh of Sunken Meadow.

Trails Less Traveled

Sunday, August 13th 10:00AM

Family Program (Ages 8+)

We will walk on trails less traveled and observe seasonal changes. We are hiking from Sunken Meadow to Nissequogue River State Park and back.

Build A Bug

Thursday, August 17th 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Tiny Tots Program

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors and crafts. For children ages 3-5.

Horseshoe Crab Round Up!

Sunday, August 27th 1:30PM - 3:00PM

Family Program

The marsh at Sunken Meadow is home to these "living fossils." Let's catch and release baby horseshoe crabs.

Moon Myths & Facts

Thursday, August 31st 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Tiny Tots Program

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors and crafts. For children ages 3-5.

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SEPTEMBER



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27	28	29	30	31	01	02 CR - Tiny Tots Butterfly & Moths 10:00 AM
03 CH - Adult Late Summer Stroll 9:45 AM CR - Family House Tours 1 PM - 3 PM	04	05	06	07	08 SM - Family Late Summer Lantern Walk 7:30 PM	09 Captree Festival 11 AM - 5 PM
10 CS - Family Dragonfly Safari 10:30 AM Captree Festival 11 AM - 5 PM	11	12	13	14 SM - Tiny Tots Fruits & Veggies 10:30 AM	15	16 CR - Adult Bird and Breakfast 8:30 AM
17 CH - Adult Just a Hike 9:45 AM CR - Family House Tours 1 PM - 3 PM	18	19	20	21	22	23 CS - Family Pond Exploration 10:30 AM RM - Family Butterfly Watch 10:00 AM
24 BL - Family (8+) Trails Less Traveled 10:00 AM SM - Family Deep Sea Discoveries 1:30 PM	25	26	27	28 SM - Tiny Tots Under the Deep, Deep Sea 10:30 AM	29 CR - Family Harvest Moon Hike 6:30 PM	30 CH - Adult Traditional Nature Walk 9:45 AM



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BELMONT LAKE STATE PARK

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Trails Less Traveled

Sunday, September 24th 10:00AM

Family Program (Ages 8+)

We will hike on trails less traveled and observe seasonal changes.

CALEB SMITH

STATE PARK PRESERVE

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Dragonfly Safari

Sunday, September 10th 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Family Program

Discover the dragonfly's beautiful colors, life-cycle, and fascinating behaviors.

Pond Exploration

Saturday, September 23rd 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Family Program

Join us for a pond scoop to see the creatures that make their home under the water.

CAUMSETT STATE

HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE

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Late Summer Seasonal Stroll

Sunday, September 3rd 9:45AM - 11:45AM

Adult Program

Take a short stroll to observe seasonal changes as summer withers and goes to seed.

Just A Hike

Sunday, September 17th 9:45 AM - 12:45PM

Adult Program

This is a 6 mile, hilly, moderately paced walk to relax, socialize, and enjoy the park's beauty.

Traditional Nature Walk

Saturday, September 30th 9:45 AM - 11:45AM

Adult Program

Explore the woods and tall grass meadows of the southern section of the park.

CONNETQUOT RIVER

STATE PARK PRESERVE

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Butterfly & Moth

Saturday, September 2nd 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Tiny Tots Program

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3-5.

CONNETQUOT RIVER

STATE PARK PRESERVE

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House Tours

Sunday, September 3rd 1PM - 3PM

Sunday, September 17th 1PM - 3PM

Family Program

A docent will discuss the history of the tavern & the high society Club which shaped Connetquot River State Park Preserve into what it is today.

Bird & Breakfast

Saturday, September 16th 8:30AM - 10:30AM

Adult Program

A short presentation followed by a walk with the Great South Bay Audubon.

Harvest Moon Hike

Friday, September 29th 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Family Program

Fall has officially arrived! Let's take a hike throughout the moonlit trails of the preserve!

ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK

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Butterfly Watch

Saturday, September 23rd 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Family Program

Let's search for Monarch Butterflies as they make their fall migration south.

SUNKEN MEADOW

STATE PARK

Reservations taken on eventbrite.com

Late Summer Lantern Walk

Friday, September 8th 7:30PM - 9:00PM

Family Program

Join us for a night-themed walk with the ambiance of lanterns!

Fruits & Veggies

Thursday, September 14th 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Tiny Tots Program

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors and crafts. For children ages 3-5.

Deep Sea Discoveries!

Sunday, September 24th 1:30PM - 3:00PM

Family Program

Explore what life is like 1000 meters under the sea.

Under the Deep, Deep Sea

Thursday, September 28th 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Tiny Tots Program

Enjoy short walks, story time, animal visitors, and crafts. For children ages 3-5.